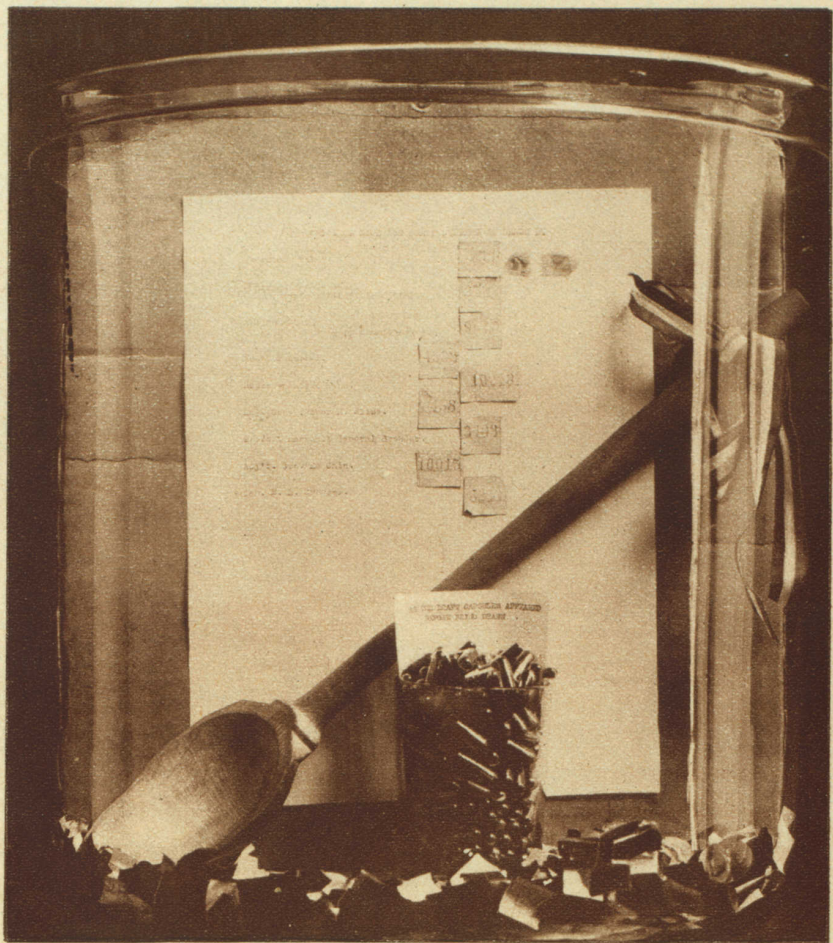


# America Creating Army Under Selective Draft Law



PRESIDENT WILSON BEING BLIND-FOLDED PREPARATORY TO DRAWING THE FIRST CAPSULE FROM THE BOWL IN THE CEREMONIES ATTENDING THE PUTTING INTO EFFECT OF THE LAW EXTENDING THE DRAFT AGES TO ALL MALES BETWEEN 18 AND 45 YEARS OF AGE, INCLUSIVE. THE DRAWING TOOK PLACE ON SEPT. 30, 1918. 13,000,000 MEN WERE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DRAFT.

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TYPICAL GROUP OF STALWART AMERICAN YOUTH REGISTERING IN THE CALL TO THE COLORS UNDER THE SELECTIVE DRAFT LAW, SEPT. 12, 1918.  
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THE DRAFT BOWL AND ITS ACCOMPANYING PARAPHERNALIA, WHICH PLAYED A CONSPICUOUS PART IN THE SELECTION OF AMERICA'S ARMY, WILL BE PLACED NEAR THE LIBERTY BELL IN INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA. THE PICTURE SHOWS THE BOWL, THE WOODEN SPOON WHICH STIRRED THE CAPSULES, AND A NUMBER OF THE CAPSULES AS THEY APPEARED BEFORE THEY WERE DRAWN.

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NATIONAL ARMY GROUP, ABOUT TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE SERVICE, WALKING FROM THE RAILWAY STATION TO CAMP DIX AT WRIGHTSTOWN, N. J.  
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